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## M'CRADY'S "HISTORY OF S. C." ALTSHELER'S "MY CAPTIVE"

"A Comedy of Conscience." "The Blue Goose"-"Our Homes and How to Beautify Them"-"Control of Heredity"-"In the Trail of the Pack Mule"-"Ethics of the Body."

#### **BOOKS AND AUTHORS:** COMMENT AND GOSSIP

Joseph A. Altsheler, a Sketch-A Posthumous Novel by Stockton-C. D. Gibson's New Book-General John B. Gordon's Mamoirs. Identity of the Author of \*A Virginia Girl." Mrs. G. Vere Tyler. An Iconoclasm.

MY CAPTIVE. By Joseph A. Asheler D. Appleton and Company, publishers,

stores.

"My Captive" is one of those charming little romances, very entertainingly written, which we can recommend without hesitation to our readers. We had occasion, several weeks ago, to discuss rather unfavorably, Mr. Altsheier's latest novel, "Before the Dawn," and since then we have had the slightly unfavorable impression that it left removed by the pleasure of receiving a copy of this earlier work of his and of reading it through without a pause, so absorbing is the qualwithout a pause, so absorbing is the qualwithout a pause, so asserbing is the qual-ity of the story. There is, unquestion-ably, much ability and skill in Mr. Afisheler's pen, and that subtle feeling pervades his work which indicates the writing genius. Let us watch his pro-gress. We prophecy great things for his heart advanture. next adventure,
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mext adventure.

"My Captive" is so deftily drawn that it is a man's story or a maid's whichever you happen to be. The scene is laid in the piedmont of South Carolina, the time the Revolutionary War, the action adventurous and military, the characters principally, perhaps, only, two: the hero, Philip Marcel, a gallant soldier of Colonel Washington's cavalry, serving under General Morgan, and the heroine, Julia Howard, a fair and vigorous English girl, daughter of a major in Tarletan's dragoons. The author doesn't fatigue the reader with preliminaries, but "jumps right into the middle of things." We are introduced at once to the trooper and his captive as the rifle shots of the retreating battle drop down in the distance. What shall he do with tife lady? How can he get her to Morgan's camp through the hostile red-coat lines?

Without a pause in the action from first to last the author carries them through three of four days of escapes and recaptures; the villamy of outlaws, pistof and sword play rescues, flight and fight to Morgan's camp. Next day the author treals us with a thrilling and excellent description of the battle of Cowpens, and the denouement of the adventure when Marcel introduces himself to the captured Major Howard as his future son-m-law. The development of the love affair is most ingeniously interweven and in the end is altogether irresistible.

THE HISTORY OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

By General McCmdy, of Charleston.

The Macmillan Company, publishers,

The Macmillan Company, publishers, New York.

General M'Crady has now completed his work on "The History of South Carolina," with the fourth volume, "In the Revolution, 1789-1783." This volume fulfills the purpose of the author, as announced in his preface to the first of the series, "to trace the history and development of the Siate of South Carolina, socially and politically, from the inception of the colony to the end of the American Revolution," the first volume (1897) covering the period from the founding of the colony under the proprietary government to the overthrow of that rule, 1870-1718; the second (1893), the history of the Var of the Revolution in Bouth Carolina, 1776-1780, and this, the fourth volume (1992), continuing the story of that struggle from 1780 to its said in 1783.

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This, the last volume proposed by the author), is practically the history of Greene's campaign in the South, about which so much has been written from the standpoint of that general, but so little from that of the partisan leaders, Sumpter, Marion and Pickens and their followers. The story, as developed by the author, is of great and romantic interestan interest which cannot be confined to the limits of the State, for though the scene of the operations is almost circumstant was but the principal field whereon the struggle of the Revolution was continued during the last three years of the war. An interesting feature of the operations in South Carolina was part of the general British campaign, planned and directed by the War Office in London, and of the effect of the defeat of that plan upon the fortunes of the whole country. The frontispiece presents a map which shows the State dotted all over from the seabourd to the mountains with battiefields, a chronological list of which to the number of 137 is found in an appendix, a carefully prepared table, which affords a fitting conclusion to the work.

POLITICAL PARTIES AND PARTY

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POLITICAL PARTIES AND PARTY PROBLEMS IN THE UNITED STATES. By Professor James A. Woodburn, Indiana University. G. P. Putnam's, New York. Price, \$2.00 net. Virginia has been the mother of statesmen and the center of political activity. The subject of politics was once the chief business of her foremost sons and the affairs of the nation are to-day matters of prime importance to her people. In view of these facts the writer desires to call especial attention to the volume mentioned abovo.

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This is the second part of Prof. Woodburn's work on the all-important subject of American politics. The first part has already received very general commondation from students and critics alike. The

National government a statue of Jefferson instead of Lee. There certainly could arise no contention about the right of the former to be there and few who know our history will deny that he was a far greater man. Besides some have said it wight appear a little less clannish in Virginia not to vote her highest honors to members of the same family unless there was no shadow of a doubt as to pre-eminent deserts.

But Prof. Woodbuur's best chapters in this part of his work treats of recent party history and the influence of minor parties on national policies. The average voter will incline to dispute the assertion that the Popullst party of 1852-96 really occupied the advanced position which the two old parties are now gradually making their own. Yet such is the actual fact. It has often happened thus in our party history; Van Buren, than whom we have had few abler and better leaders, led the Free Soil party to take advanced ground and had his name and fame slandered a hair century for so doing. But the Republican party of 1854-90 and up to 1852 contended for his principles and won victories on them. In the Omaha platform the People's party demanded the very reforms in finance which the Democrats made the paramount feature of their doctrine in 1856 and 1809; they asked for restriction of the great transportation companies in their monopolistic tendencies and only a few days since our Supreme Court took a long step in that direction; they asked for the public control of important franchises and both Republicans and Democrats are taking their position on this question at present. So it may be well for us to cease to apply the word "populist" as a term of repreach so frequently. The day of individualism is actually passing, say what we will; and collectives is coming apace.

There is much food for thought in every chapter of the book, but none which as to cease to apply the word "populist" as a term of represents of the convention to meet in that cty; the Democrats recoived \$50,000 cash to call the convention to meet i

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THE BLUE GOOSE. By Frank L. Nason. author of "To the End of the Trail." McClure, Phillips and Company. New York, publishers. \$1.50. "The Blue Goose" is a story of mines and miners in the gold regions of the Rockies. Since Bret Harte wrote of the Rockies. Since Bret Harte wrote of the "Forty-niners" in California and along the transcontinental trail, the mining world has completely changed. New characters and new conditions have arisen, but no writers strong enough to present them adequately. This novel of Mr. Nason's is a presentation of the life in the mining camps as it is to-day. It is a thrilling story of a mining superintendent ent's fight against his rebellious employes, reaching its climax in a splendid scene of strike and riot, where the inturnated miners attempt to blow up the mine. A graceful love story interweaves itself with these scenes of excitement and violence. Mr. Nason was for years a mine superintendent, and knowe every inch of the ground of which he writes.

Following this protogue are the many comedy scenes, and through it all runs the refrain of a tender little romance, in which "Cousin John" figures prominently; and there is a most dramatic climax (with real pistols among the accessories), that comes near to bringing about a tragic termination to an altogether charming story.

Clear cut as a cameo is the characterization of Sergas, a familiar though not

ization of Serena, a familiar though not common type of New England girl; and the delicious humor of the book is targ-

OUR HOMES AND HOW TO BEAUTI-FY THEM. By H. J. Jennings, with numerous illustrations. Third edition. Harrison & Sons, London, Imported by "Town and Country," New York, Price

tion from students and critics alike. The volume before us deals with practical politics and is divided into three parts; i. History of American Political Parties; 2. Party Machinery and How it Works; 3. Ethical Problems in Party Politics.

In the first section, after tracing admirably the beginnings of party cleavage, our author gives it as his deliberate opinion that Thomas Jefferson "take him all in all, was the most influential factor that has ever appeared in American politics" (page 29). This statement from such high and unpartisan authority may cause some of our legislators to wonder they they did not yots to present to the



TOSEPH A. ALTSHELER.

rooms of a house and an exposition of how purpose and style should be related to each other, bringing under notice the materials available for decoration with reference to their cost and suitability to

materials available for decoration with reference to their cost and suitability to the particular objects in view.

Certainly when the reader has finished this elegant book he will be in no danger of confusing marquetry with the grocery shops, or of making the mistake of the Lady Croesus, who thought Louis Quinze (y) was a very horrid name for even a cabinet-maker. Ignorance respecting the principles or the details of art is not, of course, a crime, although in the judgment of the elite it may be looked upon as the witty Frenchman put it, as worse than a crime, a blunder. It is certainly a blunder for people to talk, as if authoritatively, about what they do not understand. But every movement has its followers, who pick up its jargon and rattle it of without knowing what they are talking about. Even in the splendid age of Mazarin and Richelieu and Colbert, when amateurs spent vast sums in collecting art treasures, all members of the French nobility were not equally learned and appreciative. There is the story of a certain Marquis Gesvres, for instance, he commented with astonishment the large number of pictures of the crucifixion painted by Inri.

CONTROL OF HEREDITY. A Study of

CONTROL OF HEREDITY. A Study of the Genesis of Evolution and Degeneracy. By Casper Lavater Rednield. Monarch Book Company, Chicego. 22.

The author of the article on "The Origin of Speed in Horses," which appeared in the Horseman some time ago, and caused a good deal of interested comment, has transferred his attention to human beings, and in this book, "Control of Heredity," he propounds some laws of evolution which he believes may be used for the production of men and women of any desired calibre or character. By the proper application of these original laws, he believes, poets, musicians, warriors, statesmen, philosophers, paupers or criminals, may be produced with the same degree of certainty that a machine turns out a given product.

"Religion in Daily Doings," the Twenti-eth Book in the New Testament. Being a Paraphrase and Notes on the letter from James, the brother of Jesus, to Christians. By Peter Ainslie. The Christian Temple Press, No. 721 North Carey Street, Balti-

"What Shall I Do to Be Saved?" Word "What Shall I Do to Be Saved?" Words of Advice, Warning and Encouragement to the Unsaved, Pointing out the Way of Salvation, and the Requirements Necesary to Obtain It. By E. E. Byruin, author of "The Secret of Salvation," "Divine Healing." &c., &c. Gospel Trumpet Publishing Company, Moundsville, W. Va.

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"The Testimony of Reason," an Argument for the Christian Religion, by Samuel L. Phillips. The Neale Publishing Company, publishers, Washington, D. C. 50 cents.

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"With the Lepers in Surinam," a descent with the Lepers in Surinam," a description of foreign missionary work. By the Rev. Henry T. Weirss, No. 12 Church Street, Bethlehem, Pa. Copies sent free upon application to the Rev. Mr. Weiss, "The Willow and the Brook" and other stories, By "Inajoy." A children's book. The Neale Company, Washington. 11. "The Btory of Igain." or the Evolution of a Mind. By Lady Florence Dixle. "Look for God in your own hearf; you will never find Him elsewhere"—Almansor dar Hafed. The Leadenhall Press, London. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York. "The Songs of a Child" and Other Poems. By "Darling" (Lady Florence Douglas, now Lady Florence Dixle,) The Leadenhall Press, London. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York. Scribner's Sons, New York. 5 shillings, "At the Heart of Old Pelee," a romance of the great cruption. By Paul Chambliss, of the great eruption. By Paul Chambliss, F. Tennyson Neely, publisher, New York.

"Some Rejected Verses." By William D. Washburn, Jr. The Knickerbocker Press, New York, publishers. \$1. "David and Bathshua," a drama (poetle)

n five acts. By Charles Whitwort Wynne. The Knickerboker Press, pub shers, New York. \$1. "Poems of Life and Loving." By Har-

riet Spangler Shelley. F. Tennyson Nee ly, publisher. New York, \$1. A HISTORY OF WHILLAM PENN, A HISTORY OF WHILIAM PENN, founder of Pennsylvania. By W. Hepworth Dixon, author of "New America," Her Majesty's Tower," etc. New Amsterdam Book Company, publishers, New York \$1.

### Magazine Notes.

"Lee's Farewell to His Men," by Ar-thur Hoyt, accompanying the painting by Clyde De Land; and "How President Jackson Won His Wife," by Myrtis Reed, the conspicuous features of the Woman's Home Companion for May, an excellent number.

Andrew D. White, who has been resting judetly in Italy since his release from the ares of the German embassy at Berlin, ase just sent to The Century Magazine he first part of a manuscript upon which he along been engaged, consisting of eminiscences of his diplomatic life.

The newest of magazines is announced with an evidence of cheerfulness in its pages which speaks well for the spirit of the venture. The Red Book is its name, Chicago the place of publication, the editor Trumbull White, who is widely known as a traveling correspondent in many lands, and as a writer of historical and biographical works.

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William and Mary College Quarterly Historical Magazine for April, which is just out, publishes the following contents; Journal of Colonel James Gordon, continued; Letter Hook of Francis Jerdone, Sketch of Rev Ellisha Parmele, Letter of a Servant to His Master in Virginia, Merchants and Mills in Northern Neck About the Time of the Revolution. Alexandria Family in England, Jame, Citv County Lerd Grants, Notes on the Page, Russell, Harwood, Howard, Gregory, Gaskins, Pinkard, Eustace, Conway and other families.

### VIRGINIA EDITORS; WHAT THEY THINK

The Nelson County Times makes this note: Senator Daniel says there is prospect of collecting about haif a million dollars due by the sovernment to the State of Virginia. This money would come at a good time if collected in the immediate future, as seems probable. The State has recently adjusted a claim with the government involving something over two million dollars and releasing to the State several hundred dollars in interest-bearing bonds. Evidently Virginia is blessed with a business administration and some faithful servants to represent her at Washington.

Easter Galaites.

Here is a startling comment from the Southside Sentinel: Tying tin cans to in-nocent dogs' talls, was the way some of the reverent (?) citizens of our town cele-brated a part of Easter Sunday. We do not know their names, but gladly offer space for publication of same, assuming that, to such, publicity would bring no

Buchanan's Experience.

The Buchanan Banner has this to say as to local option in its town: Local option may not have accomplished all that some of its friends hoped it would, or claim that it has, it may have its serious defects, and if may have been improperly onforced, but we do not believe it can be seriously denied that the conditions be seriously denied that the conditions in Buchanan during the past two wars, so far as temperance, good order, peace and sobriety are concerned, have been better than before that time. The town of Buchanan is chiefly affected, as, if the district votes for the sale of liquor, it is in Buchanan that the saloons will be located. Viewed from the standpoint of what is best for the town of Buchanan we voice the sentiment of three-fourths of the thinking people of the town in declaring against the re-establishment of the saloon in the town. of the saloon in the town.

Grow Tomatoes.

The Hampton Monitor grows enthusiastic over the tomato outlook. It says:
The Monitor rejoices to know that two stastic over the tomate outlook. It says: The Monitor rejoices to know that two tomate canning factories will shortly be established in this vicinity. Messrs. Armstrong Bros. and Diggs & Gordon are the gentlemen who are to undertake the project and we prophesy for them unbounded success. We believe this will be the initial of a long series of successes in the canning industry, and will be the Inaugural of a new era for agricultural pursuits in Tidewater. It is the foretoken, in our estimation, of a time that is not far distant when inhabitants all over the Peninsula will be in hearing distance of a factory whistle. We do not mean to engage in rose-colored delusions or fanciful air-castles, but this has been the case elsewhere.

The Pocket Habit.

Country Croakers.

The Irvington Citizen draws this doleful picture: It may sound like pessimism
when we say it is marvelous that Virsinia
has any enterprises whatever, but it is
bred of the fact that we have a large
propertion of croakers in every community, usually created by jealous envy or
the fact that they did not advance certain ideas or were not asked on bended proportion of croakers in every community, usually created by fealous envy or the fact that they did not advance certain ideas or were not asked on bended knees to furnish the benefit of their advice. Nothing so tames public spirit as this being continually pecked at behind the back and from store counters, and many a man has been driven out of a community, and even out of the State,

Why do the men of North Carolina put their hands into their pockets at

the railway stations and other public

places? An observant Chicagoan passing

through North Carolina recently counted

368 men at the stations. Of these 821

had their hands in their pockets and \$16

merely enjoying a temporary relaxation from their customary habits of life and

Push Original Principles.

Colonel Bryan denounces those Damocrats who did not act with the regular organization of the party in 1896 and 1900, and those Democrats who remained dormant in those campaigns, or voted for McKinley, denounce the followers of Bryan and the free silver platform; and some of them try to justify themselves as the only Simon-pure Democrats. It may be necessary for men of both factions, who have the breadth of intellectual beam to push original principles to the front and mutually concede and yield on points that are not now conspicuously in issue, to take charge of the affairs of the party before it drifts to the rocks,—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Push Original Principles.

A Matrimonial Bureau.

were leaning up against something, as there is the Saturday half-holiday that if they were too feeble to stand. An is gradually becoming so universal with-

sppeal was made to Dr. Dabney, of the out any legal enactment on the subject, University of Tennessee, to explain the phenomenon. He said that the men were that Teneston Herald.

Men's Ways.

criticism and malicious envy. The store criticism and malicious envy. The store gossiper and saloon lounger, with his quid of tobacco or glass of drink, can always find a sympathetic audience of backbiters to join in with wiseacre advice as to how to do a thing, or in his squirt of slander as to who ought not to do that thing or how much his enterprising and munificent neighbor will get out of the thing which he is doing for the common good.

Uneasy Democrats.

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The Suffolk Herald rises to remark:
There is a certain class of Democratic papers in this State that are very uneasy for fear there will not be a strong Republican party in Virginia; for the benefit of all such, we would say their fondest hope will soon be realized if the Legislature passes many more of Senator Barksdale's election bills.

Visiting Old Scenes.

This interesting personal item comes from the Williamson West Virginian:

"Rebel Bill" Smith, who during the Civil War was the best known of the guerilla leaders in this section of the country, now old and broken, and but a shadow of the former man, is visiting relatives in this section. Col. Smith is now an inmate of the Confederate home at Pewee, Ky., where many of the men who fought for the "Lost Cause" are now spending their old days.

During the war Colonel Smith was one of the best known of the Confederate raiders. He operated in this section of Kentucky and West Virginia, and with less than a thousand mountain men, kept fen times that number of Federal solders constantly on the jump.

Residing in this section now are many of the men who followed Smith on his daring raids, all of whom will be glad to know that he is still alive and able to revisit the section where many of his exploits were made.

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Money vs. Talk.

The Spirit of The Valley indulges in this hard horse sense: Let those who talk of good roads so much remember that it is not possible to have good roads unless we have money to make them with. Talk won't build them.

Taxing Minerals.

The Galo City Herald has this contribution local and editorial: Hon. F. M. Carter has been at home on business for a few days. He was called to Richmond Tuesday evening in order to be present at the consideration of the "Mineral Tax Bill." This measure directly interests the people of Southwest Virginia. Heretofore the mineral and coal interests have not been paying any tax to amount to anything. The new constitution provides for a tax, State and county upon the mineral and coal wealth of the State. Mr. Carter favors a reasonable just tax on these and thinks that the corporations owning the coal and mineral should be required to pay a reasonable tax. In other words, they should be taxed at the same rate as citizens and in proportion to their wealth.

position to add to their number. So far

probably safe to say that more real joy

take on our own account than on any of

the legally appointed ones, burring, per-

haps, Christmas and Thanksgiving. And

Earl of Frothingham, whose adventures in search of an heiress are amusingly chronicled in

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A NNUAL STATEMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING THE RIST DAY OF DECEMBER, 1802. OF THE ACTUAL CONDITION OF THE NORTHWESTERN MITUAL LISE INSURANCE COMPANY ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, MADE TO THE AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRE GINIA, PURSUANT TO THE LAWS OF THE YOUNG THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRE ANY LOCATION OF THE COMPANY LOCATION OF THE NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY; LOCATION OF THE NORTHWESTERN WITHAU AND MICHIGAN STREETS, WILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN; Character of the Business transacted by the Company—LIFE INSURANCE, PURELY MUTUAL: Predict—H. PALMER: Secretar—J. W. SKINNER; Organized and Incorporated—MARCH, 1857; Commenced business—NOVEMBER 25, SKINNER; ORGANIZED—RICHMOND, VIRGINIA.

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BUSINESS IN VIRGINIA DURING 1909, Total number and amount of policies in force at end of year 1902. . . . . . 6,301 \$14,060,118 OQ 

H. L. PALMER, President,

State of Wisconsin; City of Milwaukee-es:
Sworn to February 6, 1903, before P. B. SANBORN, Notary Public.

### General Agent for Va. and North Carolina, 1201 E. Main St

A NNUAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 81, 1902, OF THE CONDITION OF THE INDEMNITY INSURANCE COMPANY OF WEST VIRGINIA, ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, MADE TO THE AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, MADE TO THE LAWS OF VIRGINIA.

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\*\*COMMENCE Business—MARCH 20, 1802; Principle Office—HUNTINGTON, W. VA. mount of capital paid up in cash (25 per capt of subscribed capital) ..... \$ 5,800 00

Amount of capital subscribed, but unpaid. Capital paid up in cash.	23,200 00	\$5,80
INCOME DURING THE YEAR.	Accident.	
Gross premiums on risks written and renewed during the year	\$0,342 00	
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Net cash actually received for premiums		\$3,62
Total income actually received during the year in cash		\$9,42
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Aggregate amount of all liabilities, including paid-up capital and net surplus .... \$10,144 91 n. W. FOSTER, President, T. W. PEYTON, Secretary.

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Total amount of all liabilities, except capital. \$8,895 51
Capital actually paid up in cash. \$5,500 60
Surplus beyond capital and other liabilities. \$459 40

Wood in New York.

In the country a load of wood measuring a cord costs about 75 cents or \$1. It must measure about 123 cubic feet—txix5. In New York a load of wood measuring half a cord costs the censumer \$5 to \$1. And this wood of the city is not the clean wood of the country, but mostly consists of the charred timbers of burnt buildings, second-hand building materials, worthless packing boxes, etc. Only millionaires can afford to burn wood in open fireplaces in New York. Coal at \$25 a ton is cheaper. The other day a friend of mine bought a load of kindling wood for \$5.50, and got with it enough hardware to start a small store—door knots, hinges, locks, nalls, window pulleys, latches, etc.—New York Press.

A Modern Mania.

The modern mania of college graduates who enter teaching for high academic degrees is well satirized by Professor William James' recent essay on "The Ph. D. Octopus." The professor is explicit and properly merciless in saying that "the degree fetich is a kind of mandarin disease." There will soon be "doctors of philosophy" eighteen years old, if there are not some aircady. The "boy professors" at Harvard point the way. Springfield Republican.

Doing Well, Thank You.

a little while thirteen operators have pronounced the marriage yows and according to a dispatch to a Philadelphia newspaper "two more are soon to leave the switchboard bound for the airar." While it is not so stated, the conclusion is reasonable that there are many applicants for positions in the Masontown exchange—Worcester Spy.

Too Much Holiday.

Have we too many legal holidays? There are those who think so, though probably they are in r hopeless minority. We have seven of them in Missaschusetts, not including the seventeenth in the seventeenth in the Cluban are making progress and promise much.—Cleveland Leader.

from their customary habits of life and had assumed what might be termed an attitude of repose. By placing their hands in their pockets they added to the ease and disposed of what might otherwise be awkward members. A North Carolina mountaineer, he explained, puts his hands into his pockets for the same reason that a Spanish signorita handles a fan,—Savannah News.

Men's Ways.

A woman lawyer in Ohio recently defended a woman burgiar in the coorts and won a verdict of acquital, where point there are numerous bouquels being throw at her by those who believe in giving the women a chance. Of course a spanish signorita handles a fan,—Savannah News. won a verdict of acquittal, whore pon there are numerous bouque's being thrown at her by those who believe in giving the women a chance. Of course the lady is to be congratulated, but her success is partly accounted for in the fact that the jurors were all men. If they had been women the attorney might have experienced the unpleasantness of seeing her client go to jall.—Seattle Times. Wood In New York.

A Modern Mania.

A Matrimonial Bureau.

A city now and then is troubled to keep its schools supplied with teachers because the young men successfully court the schoolma'ams. Matrimony often robs church choirs of their soprano and alto singers, and, as everyone knows, invades many business and social organizations, disturbing carefully made plans and necessitating active effort in order to make good the loss. The Masontown (Pu.) telephone exchange seems unable to keep the girls that have been trained to the work. Abuot the tme that they are sufficiently drilled in the duties expected of them to make them valuable, they announce that they are going to be married. In a little while thirteen opperators have pronounced the marriage vows and, according to a dispatch to a Philadelphia newspaper "two more are soon to leave the switchboard bound for the altar." While it is not so stated, the conclusion is reasonable that there are many applicants for positions in the Masontown exchange—Worcester Spy.